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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013

A work session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Ashman, Drzyzgula, Sesma, and Spiegel. Council Member absent: Marraffa. Staff present: City Manager Tomasello, Parks, Recreation and Culture Director Potter, and Arts and Events Division Chief Kayser.

I. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

A. Large City Events Update on Proposed Changes

Staff provided updates on proposed changes to large events that were presented at the January 22, 2013 Mayor and Council meeting. Changes included the themes and dates of two large festivals, new approaches to street closures, facilitating movement of festival attendees throughout an event, and a survey of Olde Towne merchants. A summary of subsequent meetings staff held with community members to seek and incorporate their input into the proposal was also presented.

Members of the public provided comments in support of and in opposition to various aspects of the proposed changes to large events. The Mayor and City Council discussed options and alternatives to the proposal and provided staff guidance.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Potter, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Denise Kayser, Arts and Events Division Chief